

NH Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)

Monday May 9, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NH Hospital Association

125 Airport Road

Concord, New Hampshire

Meeting Minutes

Member/Alternate Attendees:

Michael Auerbach, Diana Dedousis, Lisa DiMartino, Ellen Edgerly, Travis Harker, Peter Marshall, Doug McNutt, Michele Merritt, Paula Minnehan, Sarah Morrison, Ken Norton, Cindy Robertson, Richard Royce, Chris Rueggeberg, Abby Shockley, Mel Spierer, Kristine Stoddard, Carolyn Virtue, Michelle Winchester

Member Absent:

Ellen Keith, Earle Kolb

DHHS Staff Attendees:

Cathy Bernhard, Kelly Cote, Jill Fournier, Dawn Landry, Patrick McGowan, Jeff Meyers, Deb Scheetz

Guests:

Elson Pinkerton, Well Sense Health Plan. Susan Paschell, Dupont Group. Travis Boucher, NHHA.

Introductions

Richard Royce is introduced as Sarah Aiken's replacement. Kristine introduced Abby Shockley; she is doing policy work at Bi-State. Paula introduced Travis Boucher as Director of Policy for the NHHA. Jane Guilmette will be resigning from her position here on MCAC and Jay Couture will be finishing out her term. Cindy introduces the new legal Director Ben Stahl; he will not be alternate but came to experience the meeting.

Review/Approval of March 14th and April 11th MCAC Minutes

Meeting minutes approval moved by Michael Auerbach with a second by Doug McNutt. All in favor.

Presentation on Consumer Feedback Re: Care Coordination in MCM: Patrick McGowan

A slide deck was distributed (CM/Care Coordination in NH MCM – Attachment 1) and reviewed. Questions were asked about whether the Assessment is conducted by phone and or paper and regarding the requirement to have a medical home when ER visits are continuing under MCM. A second study is underway by the EQRO and will be released in July 2016.

DHHS Updates: Jeff Meyers

Commissioner Meyers covered the following topics:

- SB 553, sponsored by Sen. Forrester, would have resulted in a prohibition with any phase of MCM Step 2 moving forwarding. An amendment was proposed and supported that requires the creation and vetting of a detailed design, development and implementation plan for Step 2, Phase 2 which includes integrating the CFI waiver and Nursing Facility services in the Care Management Program, before any other steps are taken by DHHS to continue to meet the still existing legislative mandate to include all populations and services in the MCM program. No date for implementation of Step 2, Phase 2 have been decided upon.
- HB 1680: Continues the suspension of prior authorizations for certain mental health drugs by only those psychiatrists practicing in a CMHC setting. DHHS will need to develop a methodology for capturing data on the impact of requiring prior authorizations in order to inform future policy decisions. Anecdotal stories are not helpful when trying to problem solve.

Rule Review

He-M 406 Bridge Housing Subsidy Program (consent only)

Any comments should be sent along to Ry Perry or Cathy Bernhard by May 23rd which is the deadline for public comment. Ken motions to have this removed from the consent agenda with a second by Carolyn Virtue. Kristine Stoddard's suggest a subcommittee. Kristine, Carolyn Virtue, Michele Merritt, and Ken will reach out to the Department.

He-M 1202 Administration of Medications in Behavioral Health

Questions were asked about the legal scope of prescribing privileges for providers. It was clarified that this rule is an eligibility rule not a rule that dictates prescribing practices. An additional briefing on this rule was requested.

Managed Care Rules: Deb

DHHS is reviewing the 400+ pages from the Federal Register. CMS has scheduled a series of calls on the major topics of the new managed care regulations. Once the review is complete a work plan that identifies the specific changes needed for the NH Medicaid program will be identified and communicated to stakeholders.

PDN Update: Deb

The PDN proposed rate increase went through and DHHS just received data from the home health agencies on their staff salaries. Will have more updates next month and the data will be made available.

Other Business:

Chris Reugeberg asks for the MCAC to elect a member to be on the SB 553 Legislative Commission. Carolyn Virtue and Michelle Winchester were both recommended.

Review Tasks

- ☒ Kelly will send out materials around managed care rules
- ☒ Consider for next agenda:
 - Re-election for officers and new members and bylaw review
 - Process for changing meetings at last minute
 - SB 533 MCAC elects member for commission
 - Add LTSS on agenda for next month.

The next meeting will be held on Monday June 13, 2016 at the NH Hospital Association scheduled from 1:00-3:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Cote, Administrative Assistant